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To: Director, Fish and Wildlife Service {Lead}

Director, Geological Survey

Director, Minerals Management Service

Director, National Park Service

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management

Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Marine Reserves

in the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary off California

(ER 06/911) (Agency due date: October 10, 2006) (Extension Requested until: October 20, 2006)

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Sanctuary Program has published a Draft EIS for Marine Reserves in the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary off California. The Draft EIS and other documents related to this project are available on the following website: http://www.cinms.nos.noaa.gov/marineres/PDF/DEIS.pdf The Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance has one copy of the Draft EIS in CD-ROM format that may be borrowed by Bureaus and Offices having no access to the Internet.

Please have your appropriate field-level office review the Draft EIS from its particular jurisdiction or special expertise and provide its comments to the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service in Portland, Oregon by **October 5, 2006.**

The Regional Director, FWS, will prepare the comments for signature by the Regional Environmental Officer in Oakland, California by **October 13, 2006**. <u>Please supply all signed paper comments</u>, comments on disk, or comments being submitted electronically to the REO.

Related reviews are under ER 03/468 (NOI) and ER 05/349 (Consultation).

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